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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT
And
FOR PATENT TERM RESTORATION UNDER THE AIPA

Dear Sir:

Applicants representative received a Notice of Abandonment dated July 27, 2004 in which Examiner Hai Vo checked the box for "No corrected drawings have been received." The Notice of Abandonment is clearly erroneous. Applicants paid the base issue fee and concurrently filed corrected drawings. Such actions were timely. Attached is the post card showing that the Patent Office received the formal drawings on June 7, 2004. It is respectfully suggested that a formal search be instituted within the PTO for the lost drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that the post card is *prima facie* evidence that the Patent Office received the drawings on time.

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Applicants accordingly respectfully submit the Notice of Abandonment was erroneously issued and should be withdrawn. Applicants earnestly, but respectfully solicit a Notice to that effect, reinstatement of this application so that it may proceed to patent grant, and a new patent term determination to restore lost patent term because of the delays caused by the PTO having lost the drawings and erroneously abandoned this application.

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Respectfully submitted,
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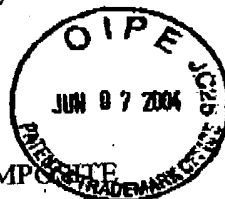
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- 1) Issue Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
- 2) Five (5) Sheets Submission of Formal Drawings (Replacement Sheets)
- 3) Replacement Drawings (Figs. 1-19)
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